Criteria for Exempting Establishments from Provident Fund

1894. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria adopted by Government in the grant of status of extempted establishment for the purpose of provident fund dues;

(b) what are the names of the exempted establishments which have been defaulters in the matter of payment of the provident fund dues during the last three years;

(c) whether Goverment exercise any control over these establishments; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Section 17(1) of the E.P.F. Act provides for grant of exemption to a factory or establishment from the operation of the provisions of the EPF Scheme if the Provident Fund Rules of the establishment provides for more favourable benefits, particularly with regard to the rates of contribution, than those available under the EPF Scheme or if their employees are in receipt of more favourable benefits in the nature of provident fund, pension or gratuity. The establishments which are granted extemption in accordance with these provisions by the 'appropriate Government' are known as "exempted establishments";

(b) A list of exempted establishments which were in default of over Rs. 1 lakh as on 31-3-85 is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 105.]

(c) and (d) The grant of exemption under section 17 is subject to certain conditions. The EPF Organisation carries out periodical inspection of the extempted establishments to see whether the establishment was complying with the terms and conditions relating to exemptions. In case, the establishment contravenes with any of the condition of exemption, their extemption is liable to be cancelled. They are also liable to penal action in accordance with the provisions of the EPF Act, for violation of terms and conditions relating to exemption.

Legislation on the Lines of Maharashtra Private Security Guards (Regulation of Employment and Welfare) Act, 1981

1895. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering any proposal to initiate a legislation on the lines of the Maharashtra Private Security Guards (Regulation of Employment and Welfare) Act, 1981; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Export Potential of States

1896. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make a study of the export potential of various States in respect of specific products;

(b) whether Government propose to issue necessary instructions to the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government to get the specific products